

REMARKS

Claims numbered 1-43 were in the original (International PCT) application as filed on April 1, 2004 and as published by the International Bureau on October 13, 2005 in the International Publication Number WO 2005/096095 A1. There were two claims numbered 3, making the total number of claims 44. Claims 3-4 (including both claims originally numbered as 3), claims 14-15, 19-24, 26, 28-33, and 37-42 are being cancelled. All uncanceled claims are being amended herewith. The newly added claim and all current claim amendments do not present any new matter. **Currently, there are a total of 20 claims pending in this Application, including 3 independent claims (1, 27, and 43).** This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to clarify the language of the specification and the claims, and to remove multiple claim dependencies. Entry of the above recited corrections is respectfully requested. A fee due for excess claims is being paid concurrently via EFS-Web.

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